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Wisconsin GOP, Takes From Poor to Feed the Rich

MILWAUKEE, WI – Rep. David Crowley (D-Milwaukee) issued the following statement regarding Governor Walker and the Wisconsin GOP slashing welfare benefits for hard-working Wisconsin families:

“I am deeply disturbed and troubled by Wisconsin Republicans taking away benefits from those they claim to serve. The Wisconsin GOP, under the leadership of Governor Scott Walker, promises to fight for a better future for all Wisconsinites, yet continues to vote to cut benefits from a program that kept 125,000 of our citizens -- including 54,000 children -- out of poverty. It is no secret that these bills will affect those most vulnerable to any change in circumstance; which also clears the way for the GOP to keep granting huge corporate giveaways and tax cuts to those that need them least.

“In 2016, one in nine Wisconsin citizens were enrolled in FoodShare. 68% of these recipients were either minors, elderly, blind or disabled citizens. Taking benefits away from these groups of people and their caretakers is not only cruel, but serves only to perpetuate the problem. Creating an “asset test” for assistance eligibility both disincentives families from getting reliable housing and transportation, and creates needless government paperwork requirements: Pennsylvania was forced to stop their asset test after a staggering 100,000+ homes were denied assistance because they did not have the proper documentation.

“These bills are yet another example of the Wisconsin Republican party cutting benefits to create giveaways to corporate behemoths and the wealthiest among us, at the expense of hard-working Wisconsinites statewide. Rather than enacting legislation designed to keep money in the hands of the rich, your legislature should be working to close the wealth gap and raise up all people in our great state.”

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